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CONSTITUTION: An automatic answering telephone parameter consists of the telephone number of the opposite terminal to be recorded in the confidential mode and the confidential password, and a user inputs plural automatic answering telephone parameters. The automatic answering telephone parameter inputted by operation is preserved in a RAM 3. A system control part 1 requests the input of the automatic answering telephone parameter consisting of a pair of telephone number of the opposite terminal and confidential password when the user sets an automatic answering telephone mode, and preserves one or more automatic answering telephone parameters. Therefore, an opponent for whom automatic answering telephone recording data desired to handle in the confidential mode is left is easily designated. In this way, the confidential password is easily obtained when the automatic answering telephone recording data of confidential mode opposite terminals from whom reception in the confidential mode

